

Remarks

This is in response to the Official Action dated May 10, 2004. Currently, claims 1-11 and 13-29 are pending. In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 15-22, 28 and 29, and allowed claims 9-11, 13, 14 and 23-27.

In order to expedite the issuance of this application, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims 1-8, 15-22, 28 and 29 without prejudice, and reserves the right to file these claims later in a divisional application.

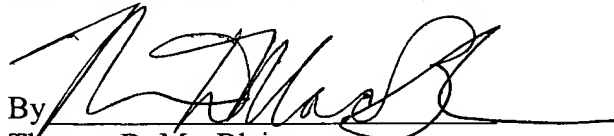
The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 9-11, 13, 14 and 23-27 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's reasons for allowance, but Applicant notes that the stated reasons are not the only reasons for allowance of these claims.

Should the examiner in charge of this application have questions or suggestions regarding the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant by telephone or email using the contact information given below.

With the foregoing it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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